

UTAH SYSTEM OF
HIGHER EDUCATION

Perspectives on Long-Term Strategic Issues Facing Higher Education in Utah

Our students



- **183,949** students in 2018-19
- **8 out of 10** Utah high school graduates going to college (any post-secondary) enroll at a USHE institution.
- **47,107** degrees and certificates awarded in 2017-18 earning ~\$450 million in increased wages in 1st year post-graduation.

Most popular majors:

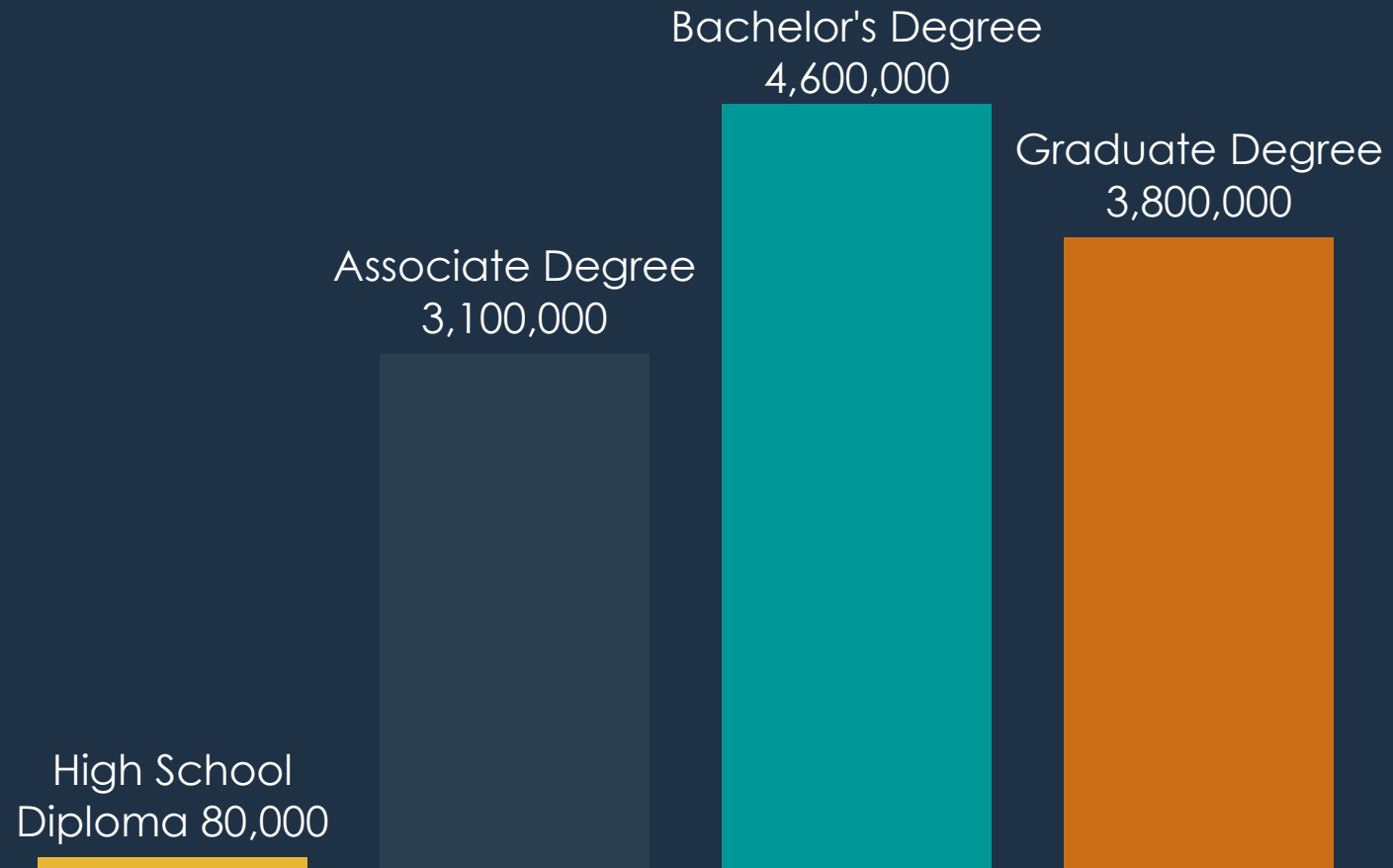
- Health professions
- Business
- Computer Science
- Education

Strengths in Utah Higher Education

- Lowest student debt in the country
- 1/2 of Utah high school students take concurrent enrollment
...saving over \$41m in tuition
- 3rd lowest tuition in the country
- 112 certificates & degrees entirely online
- 45% of USHE students are enrolled in an online course

College and today's economy

99% of job growth since recession has gone to those with more than a high school education.



2016-18:

Utah: A State of Opportunity

“Increase the educational attainment of Utahns to enhance their overall quality of life, and to meet Utah’s current and future workforce needs.”



2017: SB 238

- Provide strategic leadership and link system capacity to the economy and workforce needs;
- Enhance the impact and efficiency of the system
- Establish measurable goals and metrics and delineate the expected contributions of individual institutions of higher education toward these goals
- Evaluate presidents based on institutional performance
- Delegate to presidents the authority to manage the presidents' institutions of higher education
- Administer statewide functions including system data collection and reporting
- Establish unified budget, finance, and capital funding priorities and practices
- Provide system leadership on issues that have a system-wide impact

2018-19:

Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission

“The commission shall develop a strategic plan aimed at meeting the future challenges of the state system of higher education”

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“The college-going rate in this state for individuals who graduate high school is very low compared with other states.”

Presentation to the *Higher Education Strategic Planning Commission* by the National Center for Higher Education Management, November 2018

Fixing Utah's "Leaky" pipe

90%

of Utah parents
expect their children
to go to college



Only
2/3

of Utah's high school
seniors make it to
college within 5 years

- Many feel it is not an option
- Don't know how to start
- Especially true for underserved, first generation college students

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A College Advisor for every high school

2019: 33 high schools

2020: 50% of high schools

2021: all high schools



33 High Schools

WSU Cluster

- Fremont
- Weber
- Roy
- Bonneville
- Clearfield
- Syracuse
- Ben Lomond
- Ogden

UVU Cluster

- Mountain View
- Orem
- West Lake
- Timpview
- Provo
- Springville
- Payson

DSU Cluster

- Dixie
- Desert Hills
- Snow Canyon
- Crimson
- Hurricane
- Water Canyon
- Pine View

UU/SLCC Cluster

- East
- West
- Highland
- Granger
- Cyprus
- Hunter
- Kearns
- Taylorsville
- Cottonwood
- West Jordan
- Hillcrest

Endorsements

Utah State Board of Education

Utah Valley Chamber of Commerce Policy Committee

Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce

Governor's Education Excellence Commission

Ogden-Weber Chamber of Commerce

Utah State Superintendents Association

Utah School Counselors Association

Women in the Economy Commission

United Way Promise Partnership Regional Council

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